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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer subscribing to a small, local ISP and I strongly oppose USTelecom's current efforts to alter the 1996 Telecommunications Act to prevent local ISPs from providing internet connection via unbundled network elements (UNEs).

My ISP, Sonic, utilizes UNEs to provide me with reliable high-speed internet at a very fair price. I was thrilled to discover that they were available as a service provider in my new home. Comcast was the only provider available in any of my previous residences. Their borderline monopolistic control of the market has unsurprisingly resulted in sub-par service at an uncompetitive price. I have not known a single Comcast subscriber with a favorable view of the company.

Evidently, USTelecom has claimed that UNEs are not utilized for residential internet customers. If that were true, this message would not have reached you. Further, it would mean that I am stuck with the same mediocre-at-best ISP that I've involuntarily subscribed to my entire adult life. Fortunately, I'm not, because my ISP is able to access UNEs to provide my service.

As one of the lucky few already benefiting from real competition in the telecom sector, I implore you to continue to allow that access.

Sincerely,
Voter, consumer, and happy customer of a local ISP

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